

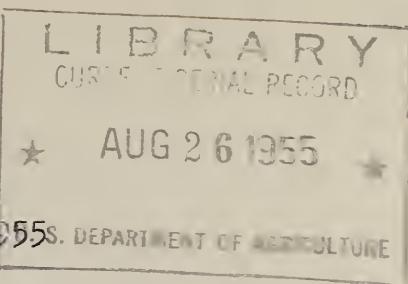
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ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 501.7

To: ADE Field Activities Stations  
From: Dr. R. J. Anderson, Chief of Branch  
Subject: Operating Relations With Veterinary Profession in the Investigation of Animal Diseases

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to restate in writing a policy which we believe has been followed by the majority of Branch veterinarians regarding their relations with practicing veterinarians.

II GENERAL

The value of good understanding between Federal veterinarians and practicing veterinarians should not be underestimated. Exchange of information and ideas through personal contact between our field veterinary representatives and the practitioner continues to pay dividends in the successful operation of our programs.

III PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN CALLED ON TO INVESTIGATE LIVE STOCK DISEASE CONDITIONS

When called on to investigate livestock disease conditions, the Branch veterinarian should first contact the interested practicing veterinarian and encourage him to be present at the time the investigation is made. There may be instances in which he will not care to be present at the investigation, but the contact should be made in each case. Should the report have come from sources other than a veterinarian, it would still be well, as a matter of courtesy, to bring the case to the attention of the practitioner normally associated with the herd.

This policy will promote mutual understanding and better relations as well as give the Branch representative the benefit of the practitioner's knowledge of the case.

IV EXCEPTION

This does not necessarily apply to the investigation of suspected vesicular conditions where specially trained diagnosticians are called in for differential diagnosis; however, even in those instances it would always be well to make an effort to meet the reporting veterinarian while on the case to express appreciation of his interest in this project.

V CONCLUSION

Close adherence to this policy is essential.

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